



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Law of the Month

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Riding on a vehicle, commonly known as “car surfing”, is extremely dangerous and causes severe injuries and deaths every year throughout the nation.

Driving with a person riding illegally carries a fine of \$175.30 and 2 points. Second violation within one year is \$213.10 and another 2 points. Riding illegally carries the same fine but no points.

Wisconsin State Statute 346.92 (1) and (2) states: (1) No person shall drive a vehicle when any person other than an employee engaged in the necessary discharge of the employee's duty is upon any portion thereof not designed or intended for the use of passengers. (2) No person other than an employee engaged in the necessary discharge of the employee's duty shall ride upon any portion of a vehicle not designed or intended for the use of passengers.

If an injury or death occurs from this practice, there could be severe criminal charges levied against the driver which could include negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

This type of behavior is inherently dangerous and it is easy to see how someone could be severely injured or killed if they fall off or are thrown from a vehicle. Captain Trace Frost of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office wants to remind motorists not to allow this type of behavior and please urge others to not attempt riding illegally on a vehicle for their own safety.